

RESOLUTION HONORING

**LATIN AMERICANS UNITED FOR PROGRESS
2011 HISPANIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Theme: ¡Si Se Puede!

- WHEREAS,** Latin Americans United for Progress will hold the 2011 Hispanic Youth Leadership Conference, with the sponsorship of Comcast and the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan. The opportunity for a great future awaits Hispanics in West Michigan and the best promise for the future lies in the hopes and dreams of our Hispanic youth. That belief is held and celebrated by Hispanic leaders in the community who have worked to ensure that those hopes and dreams are realized; and
- WHEREAS,** On February 15, 2011, over 300 Hispanic middle & high school students from West Michigan, community members, area colleges representatives, and businesses will gather at Hope College, in Holland, Michigan; and
- WHEREAS,** The conference's goals are to:
- Empower and develop Hispanic youth leaders through education;
 - Facilitate the process of high school and college students coming together as leaders;
 - Introduce students to financial resources that will enable them to pursue higher education;
 - Provide a variety of workshops to give students the information they need to succeed;
 - Unite Hispanic youth in West Michigan and strengthen our sense of community; and
- WHEREAS,** Students from the following schools will be in attendance: Holland Public Schools, West Ottawa Public Schools, Black River Schools, Zeeland Public Schools, Fennville Middle School, Hamilton High School, South Haven (L.C. Mohr) High School, and the Ottawa County Juvenile Justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** The conference will feature guest speaker Mr. Elias Lopez. Mr. Lopez works for the College Assistance Migrant Program Scholars Initiative at Michigan State University and serves on the Migrant Education Committee for the Michigan Education Association, as well as serving as Vice President of Advocates for Latino Advancement in Michigan Education (ALSAME); and
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan applauds and commends the Latin Americans for Progress for providing this conference to our youth; and
- THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan asks all citizens to join in commending the Youth Conference participants as they prepare to become leaders in their communities.

Given under our hands on this 15th day of February, in the year of the Lord Two Thousand and eleven.

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